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SUBJ: HIJACKED AIRCRAFT--SITREP-ONE 200630Z

1. HIJACKED CYPRUS AIRLINES AIRCRAFT ARRIVED DJIBOUTI APPROXIMATELY 200300Z. THERE ARE THREE CREW MEMBERS AND 11 HOSTAGES, ALL BELIEVED DELEGATES AFRO-ASIAN CONFERENCE, ABOARD. TWO HIJACKERS BELIEVED PALESTINIANS, ARMED WITH THREE PISTOLS AND ONE GERNADE. REQUESTS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR AIR CLEARANCE AND PERMISSION LAND TRIPOLI AND ALGIERS. TRIPOLI HAS REFUSED. NO ANSWER YET FROM CONFIDENTIAL

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ALGIERS. THERE ARE NO AMERICANS ABOARD.

2. HIJACKERS VERY TIRED, ONE NOW SLEEPING. AIRCRAFT VIRTUALLY WITHOUT FUEL AND GROUND POWER UNITS BEING PLACED. MINISTER OF INTERIOR IS IN CHARGE NEGOTIATIONS WITH HIJACKERS NO BASIS YET ESTABLISHED FOR NEGOTIATIONS ALTHOUGH GROD OFFERED REFUEL AIRCRAFT AND LET IT DEPART IF HOSTAGES ARE RELEASED.

3. OTHER CONTINGENCY PLANS, ACCORDING TO MININT, INCLUDE POSSIBILITY OVERPOWERING TWO HIJACKERS.

4. ABOVE RELAYED TO EMBASSY BY CHARGE WHO IS NOW AT AIRPORT. WILL SEND ADDITIONAL SITREPS AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE. CLARKE

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